

Outgoing House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio listens to reporters' questions during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. House Republicans return to Washington this week to confront a nearly unprecedented leadership crisis, looming budget deadlines and a deeply uncertain future.
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Republicans Return to Capitol to Face Leadership Mess

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

House Republicans return to Washington this week to confront a nearly unprecedented leadership crisis, looming budget deadlines and a deeply uncertain future.

Attention is focused on Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan, the party's 2012 vice presidential nominee, who is under pressure from Republican leaders to run for House speaker — a job he repeatedly has made clear he does not want.

Even if Ryan yields to his colleagues' pleas, conservatives are increasingly serving notice that the 45-year-old chairman of the powerful tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee will have to audition for the job just like anyone else, despite the widespread support he has.

That suggests that the same hard-liners who pushed current Speaker John Boehner to announce his resignation and scared off his heir apparent, Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy could throw up obstacles to Ryan, too.

It also leaves any resolution unclear for a party that seems nearly irreparably divided. More than a half-dozen lawmakers are considering running for speaker if Ryan does not, even as hard-liners warn that Boehner risks more rebellions if he stays on past his planned departure date of Oct. 29.

"John is a lame duck. There was a reason John announced his resignation," said Rep. Mick Mulvaney, a leader of the ultraconservative House Freedom Caucus. "I think Paul does have the credibility across the conference to be able to unite us, but to say he's the only one I think is hyperbole."

"It's not just the conservatives Paul would have to convince," Mulvaney added. "Everybody's interested in a new type of leadership."

The turmoil comes as Congress confronts the need to raise the federal borrowing limit by early November or risk a market-shattering default, and delicate talks are under way to come up with a budget deal to avoid a government shutdown in two months. The

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Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., arrives for a meeting on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015, where Republicans were to nominate candidates to replace outgoing House Speaker John Boehner. After two tumultuous weeks that saw the current speaker announce his resignation and his heir apparent abruptly pull out of the running, House Republicans are in disarray as they confront a leadership vacuum.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

task of raising the debt limit is falling to Boehner. But he will have to tread carefully, given Republican objections to an increase without concessions from President Barack Obama — something the White House is ruling out.

Rep. Thomas Massie, one of the Republican rebels, said he would consider forcing a vote to push Boehner out of the speaker's chair if Boehner engages in "nefarious activity." Massie defined that as "running the tables" on legislation not supported by a majority of Republicans. Boehner has suggested he wants to "clean the barn" before leaving Congress so his successor does not have a lot of unfinished business.

But Massie said he doesn't draw a "red line" at the debt limit. The unrest in Congress coincides with a

chaotic Republican presidential primary dominated by candidates far afield from the political establishment such as billionaire Donald Trump, as Republican voters push for action, change and confrontation with Obama.

It may be difficult for any House speaker to satisfy those demands, with Obama still in the White House and minority Democrats in the Senate using that chamber's procedural rules to bottle-up legislation passed by the majority-rule House.

For Ryan, who may harbor presidential ambitions, the job is unlikely to be the best stepping-stone. Only four speakers or former speakers captured their parties' presidential nominations, and just one won the White House — former Speaker James Polk in 1844. □



In this January 2015 photo, a driver for an oil delivery company fills his truck at the Sprague terminal in South Portland, Maine. New England is getting another break on heating oil prices this winter, with potential savings of hundreds of dollars per customer, providing breathing room for a region with some of the nation's highest energy costs. But some officials worry lower prices will lead to complacency on efforts to improve efficiency.

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In New England, low heating oil prices may buy some time

DAVID SHARP

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) —

New England is getting another break on heating oil prices this winter, with potential savings of hundreds of dollars per customer, providing breathing room for a region with some of the nation's highest energy costs. But some officials worry lower prices will lead to complacency on efforts to improve efficiency. Low oil and propane prices already have made it more difficult for gas distribution companies that are trying to expand their service areas in the region. Sales of energy-efficient automated pellet furnaces also have flagged because of lower oil prices. "It's been a slow year for getting residential customers to convert," said Peter Bottomley, of Maine Natural Gas, which expects customer growth this year of 4 percent, compared with 15 percent the year before. "Residential homeowners are willing to wait until the moment when they can see instant savings." Oil prices cratered late last winter, providing an unexpected windfall of hundreds of millions of dollars to energy consumers in New England, where the number of homes using heating oil ranges from 32 percent in Massachusetts to nearly 70 percent in Maine, the state that's most dependent on heating oil. The trend is expected to continue this winter, putting even more money in people's pocketbooks and smoothing over price spikes caused by inadequate natural gas pipeline capacity in New England, officials say. The latest Maine survey put the average heating oil price at close to \$2 per gallon, about 50 cents lower than the same time a year ago. A combination of lower energy prices and a forecast for a warmer winter will mean savings of 18 percent for propane users and 25 percent for heating oil users over last winter, according to the Energy Information Administration.

That's music to the ears of John Reinhardt, who runs a bed and breakfast in a 139-year-old Victorian-style home in Wiscasset.

Last year, Reinhardt saved \$1,500 to \$2,000 through a combination of lower oil prices, use of wood for supplemental heat and keeping the thermostat at 58 or 60 degrees. This year, he's hoping for savings of up to an additional \$1,000.

"I know that if I do the same thing this year that I did last year, then I should rack up more savings in oil," Reinhardt said. "I think it'll be another good year." Lower energy costs aren't keeping all consumers from making changes. Installation of home solar projects, for example, has not slowed down this year, said Phil Coupe, co-founder of Re-Vision Energy, the largest installer of home solar systems in Maine and New Hampshire. But there are concerns about complacency. Back when heating oil cost \$3.50 per gallon a few years ago, heating oil users were scrambling to switch to natural gas, Bottomley said. If they wait until heating oil prices spike again, then the flood of customers seeking to switch could overwhelm suppliers, he said. Looking to the future, New England governors are working to boost natural gas capacity to avoid energy spikes caused by shortages during times of peak demand, requiring the use of older, costly plants that use kerosene and heating oil as fuel sources. That becomes even more important with news that Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station will close by June 2019, reducing the region's electric supply by 680 megawatts. It's assumed that natural gas-powered plants will fill the gap, since wind power and solar can't make the difference, officials say. Five New England states have agreed that electric utilities can help fund natural gas pipelines, potentially providing more money for future infrastructure investments. □

Texas: 6 GOP 2016 hopefuls woo faithful at megachurch

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Associated Press

PLANO, Texas (AP) — Six Republican presidential candidates made personal appeals Sunday to thousands of Christian conservatives at a megachurch in suburban Dallas, underscoring the importance of the evangelical vote. Conservative tea party and home-state favorite Sen. Ted Cruz, retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum were speaking during a four-hour forum at the Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano which organizers said was attended by at least 7,000 people. Front-runner Donald Trump didn't attend. Cruz, Huckabee and Santorum already enjoy strong support from churchgoers, as does Carson, whose unorthodox campaign has been buoyed for years by religious conservatives. Prestonwood claims nearly 40,000 members over three Dallas-area campuses. Also appearing were

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina, both of whom would like to boost their appeal to evangelical Republicans. "Everyone was invited to come but we believe the right people are in the room today," said pastor Jack Graham, who interviewed all the candidates about the importance of faith in their lives. He identified those gathered as evangelicals whom he called "Christians who believe the Bible." Santorum subsequently declared himself an "evangelical Catholic." Cruz said faith in America "was under assault" and pointed to the Supreme Court ruling legalizing gay marriage, and to businesses that he said had faced boycotts because they opposed same-sex weddings on religious grounds. "I believe that 2016 is going to be a religious-liberty election," Cruz said to raucous applause. "As these threats grow darker and darker and darker, they are waking people up here



Pastor Dr. Jack Graham, left, interviews Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz during a North Texas Presidential Forum hosted by Faith & Freedom Coalition and Prestonwood Baptist Church, Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015, in Plano, Texas. Six Republican presidential candidates converged on the church in suburban Dallas on Sunday, underscoring how important the evangelical vote is to many White House hopefuls.

(AP Photo/Brandon Wade)

in Texas and all across this country." Fiorina was more subdued, saying her faith was once "a little abstract" since "I

came to think of God as a CEO of a big enterprise. He was in charge, but he couldn't possibly know every little detail." □

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Police say 1 killed, 5 injured in shooting at ZombiCon



Emergency medical workers and police work next to a person at the scene of shooting Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015, at ZombiCon in Fort Myers, Fla. Police say a shooting at the gathering killed one person and injured four others.

(Melissa Montoya-Ocampo/The News-Press via AP)

FORT MYERS, Florida (AP)

— Police say a shooting at the annual ZombiCon gathering in Florida has left one person dead and

five more injured, causing a chaotic scene that sent throngs of zombie-dressed revelers running through the streets.

The shooting happened around 11:45 p.m. Saturday night, just 15 minutes before the event officially ended. However, large crowds were still in the streets and authorities quickly cleared out nearby bars and set up crime scene tape, while others patrolled the area with rifles searching for a suspect.

Fort Myers Police Lt. Victor Medico said Expavious Tyrell Taylor, a 20-year-old who played football at a local junior college, died at the scene, but no other details about his death were released.

Four others were taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries and one additional victim refused medical attention, authorities said.

Authorities said the suspect or suspects is still at large and did not release any information about a possible motive.

"There were a lot of witnesses down here, there were a lot of people taking pictures, videos with their cellphone," Medico told the News-Press. "Anything that could help with this investigation would be greatly appreciated."

Police did not immediately return email and phone call messages on Sunday seeking additional details. Medico told reporters the agency had been inundated with national media requests and would not be making any comments "as we tirelessly investigate this incident and gather as many facts as possible."

The annual festival had

been expected to draw more than 20,000 fans dressed as zombies, the newspaper said. Medico said the scene was described as "shoulder to shoulder."

Jill Stancel said she heard the shots and then saw people running from the downtown barbershop owned by her family. She and her family let several frightened witnesses inside the shop, where they quickly locked the door.

"I was right here," she said. "A mass of people ran screaming and trying to get in the shop."

Stancel was raised in the area and said she doesn't think the downtown area is dangerous, but said the shooting will be in the back of her mind at future events. □

6-year-old boy fatally shoots 3-year-old brother in Chicago

DON BABWIN Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — A 6-year-old boy accidentally shot and killed his 3-year-old brother while playing "cops and robbers" with a gun their father told investigators he had obtained illegally from a gang member, Chicago police said Sunday.

Police said the two boys

were playing Saturday evening when the older boy reached on top of the refrigerator and grabbed the loaded handgun and then accidentally shot 3-year-old Eian Santiago in the face. The boy was rushed to a hospital, where he died later that night.

Police subsequently arrested the boys' father, 25-year-old Michael San-

tiago, on a felony child endangerment charge. During a court hearing on Sunday, Assistant State's Attorney Joseph DiBella said that Santiago bought the gun off the street, kept it "wrapped in pajama pants on top of the refrigerator" and even showed the boy where the gun was.

"He kept the gun for pro-

tection because he was a former gang member who snitched on a gang member in a murder trial," the Chicago Tribune reported DiBella as saying in court. Santiago had told police about the gun in a videotaped confession, DiBella said.

Judge James Brown set Santiago's bail at \$75,000. Santiago was represented

by the county public defender's office. The office was closed on Sunday and could not be reached for comment. Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy said the case tragically illustrates a point he has been making for years about how a major cause of much of Chicago's violent crime is the flood of illegal guns into the city. □

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Car buying fuels bump in September retail sales



Boston College students Alli Urbon, left, and Eddie Dols shop at the CityTarget store in Boston. Americans spent cautiously at retailers in September, with stepped-up spending for cars, clothes and restaurants tempered by sales declines for gasoline, building materials and online outlets.

(AP Photo/Michael Dwyer)

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WASHINGTON (AP)** —

Americans spent cautiously at retailers in September, with stepped-up spending for cars, clothes and restaurants tempered by sales declines for gasoline, building materials and online outlets.

Retail sales rose just 0.1 percent last month after being unchanged in August, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. Over the past 12 months, sales have climbed 2.4 percent.

Auto purchases shot up 1.8 percent in September, while spending rose 0.7 percent at restaurants and 0.9 percent at clothiers.

More Americans are buying cars and dining out as the U.S. economy has entered its seventh straight year of expansion. Spending increased amid a surge in hiring — 2.8 million jobs in the past year — that has slowed in recent months. The slowdown, caused largely by global pressures, has raised questions about whether retail sales and consumer demand can sustain economic growth in

the coming months.

The September retail sales report hinted at lukewarm demand, with spending unchanged for the month once autos and gasoline sales are excluded.

"The latest report on U.S. retail sales activity was downbeat," said Jennifer Lee, a senior economist at BMO Capital Markets. "Consumers continued to eat out, but electronics failed to get a boost, even with the launch of the new iPhone 6s and 6s Plus."

But Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics, noted that imported electronics and clothing have also become cheaper because of the stronger dollar, causing sales volume to look artificially lower despite a continued appetite for these goods.

Auto dealers enjoyed a busy September. The industry said it sold 1.44 million cars and light trucks last month, up 15.8 percent from a year ago. Buyers took advantage of low rates for auto loans and incentives over the Labor

Day weekend to unload cars before the new model-year vehicles arrive at dealerships.

People are also splurging more frequently at restaurants and bars. Yet overall retail sales have been muted for much of this year.

Spending at gasoline stations plunged 3.2 percent in September because

of lower energy prices. Sales at service stations have dived 19.7 percent from a year ago as drivers no longer need to spend as much on gas.

Prices at the pump have fallen nearly 28 percent over the past year to \$2.31 a gallon, according to AAA.

Analysis by the JPMorgan Chase Institute suggests

that consumers spent 80 cents of every dollar saved, with the largest shares going to restaurants and grocery stores.

Purchases at building supply stores also fell for the second straight month in September, potentially suggesting that housing sales might retreat from the summer's frantic sales pace. □

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Syria activists say 4 civilians killed in intense airstrikes



Smoke rises after shelling by the Syrian army in Jobar, Damascus, Syria. Backed by Russian airstrikes, the Syrian army has launched an offensive in central and northwestern regions. (Alexander Kots/Komsomolskaya Pravda via AP)

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Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Russian and Syrian warplanes pounded targets in central and northern Syria, killing at least four civilians Sunday as ground troops battled insurgents and seized new territory, activists and the

government said. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and activist news platform Syrian Revolution Talbiseh said warplanes believed to be Russian targeted mourners at a funeral in Homs province's al-Ghanto village, killing

four civilians. Homs-based activist Bebars al-Telawy said the civilians were burying a man who died from wounds sustained a day earlier when the planes struck. Al-Ghanto, the town of Talbiseh and other areas north of the city of Homs

were pounded with more than a dozen airstrikes Sunday, including government helicopters dropping barrel bombs in the village of Ter Maala, the activists said. The state-news agency SANA reported army troops began a ground offensive in the area. Meanwhile, the Observatory and monitoring group Local Coordination Committees said intense clashes were reported on the edges of Wadihi, a village the government firmly controlled Sunday, a day after entering it during an offensive in southern Aleppo. The area is controlled by mainstream rebels, some Islamist groups and al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria. Government ground forces, backed by allied militias, opened another front in eastern Aleppo, where the Islamic State group has a strong presence. Syria TV reported that government forces seized control of al-Jabriyeh village. Local Coordination Committees said government war-

planes had bombed areas in eastern Aleppo near the Kweiras military air base, which the IS group has besieged for months. Syrian troops had launched a separate offensive earlier this month in an attempt to break the siege. Since Russian airstrikes began on Sept. 30, Syrian troops have been on the offensive on several fronts around the country, in an attempt to secure supply routes and regain control of strategic areas. Also Sunday, the International Committee of the Red Cross said aid was delivered to four areas that were part of a limited U.N.-brokered cease fire agreement reached last month. It is the first aid delivered to the four besieged areas that include two Shiite villages in the province of Idlib and two rebel-held areas near the border with Lebanon. The U.N.-backed truce was reached in September to end months of fighting between Sunni insurgents and pro-government forces, including fighters from Lebanon's militant Hezbollah group.

The deal included the reciprocal transfer of thousands, allowing Sunni insurgents and their families safe passage out of the central town of Zabadani in return for safe passage for Shiite civilians in the northern villages of Foua and Kfarya, in Idlib province.□

US confirms airstrike in Syria killed al-Qaida commander

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Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — The U.S. military is confirming that an airstrike in Syria by the U.S.-led coalition has killed a top al-Qaida commander.

The Pentagon says a Saudi national known as Sanafi

al-Nasr was "a longtime jihadist experienced in funneling money and fighters" for the terrorist network. A statement from the U.S. Defense Department says coalition forces conducted the airstrike on Thursday over northwest Syria. The U.S. says he was a

leading figure in the Khorasan group — a secretive cell of al-Qaida operatives who U.S. officials say were sent from Pakistan to Syria to plot attacks against the West. U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter says the military operation "deals a significant

blow" to the Khorasan group's plans to attack the U.S. and its allies. A U.S. official who was not authorized to discuss the strike publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity said an American drone targeted and struck the militant.□

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Israel: Assailant opens fire on bus station, soldier killed

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Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — An Arab attacker armed with a gun and a knife opened fire in a southern Israel bus station on Sunday, police said, killing an Israeli soldier and wounding 10 people in one of the boldest attacks yet in a monthlong wave of violence. The attack came as Israel further tightened security around the country, highlighted by the construction of a barrier separating Jewish and Arab neighborhoods in east Jerusalem. In a bid to halt the fighting, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said he would meet the Israeli and Palestinian leaders in the coming days. Israel has deployed thousands of police, backed up by troops, to maintain order following a spate of attacks, mostly stabbings, by Palestinian assailants. Those measures have so far failed to stop the violence. In Sunday night's attack, police said the Arab assailant entered the central

bus station in the southern city of Beersheba and began shooting and stabbing people. They said an Israeli soldier was killed, five police were lightly wounded and five civilians were wounded to varying degrees. Yoram Halevy, a police commander in southern Israel, told reporters that in addition to the knife and gun he entered with, the attacker also snatched a weapon from the soldier he killed. The attacker, whose identity was not immediately known, was shot and killed. A foreigner was shot by police during the attack after they apparently mistook him for an assailant. Halevy said security forces responding to the attack entered the bus station from another area and saw a "foreign national," shooting and wounding him. Israeli media said the foreigner was an Eritrean national living in Israel. Israeli media showed footage of a blood-streaked floor and rows of ambulances outside the bus sta-



Israeli police stand by the shrouded body of Palestinian attacker in Beersheba, Israel, Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015. An Arab attacker armed with a gun and a knife opened fire in a southern Israel bus station on Sunday, police said, killing an Israeli soldier and wounding 10 people in one of the boldest attacks yet in a month long wave of violence. (AP Photo/Tsafrir Abayov)

tion. Security camera footage from the bus station aired on Israeli TV showed what appeared to be a civilian shooting the attacker as soldiers and civilians crouched for cover nearby. The attack was one of the most serious incidents

amid near-daily bouts of violence that has hit Israel and the Palestinian territories over the past month. After the attack, a crowd of Israelis gathered outside the bus station and chanted "death to Arabs." The unrest erupted in Jerusalem a month ago over

tensions surrounding a Jerusalem holy site sacred to Jews and Muslims. It soon spread to Arab neighborhoods of east Jerusalem and then to the West Bank, Gaza and Israel. Israel has struggled to contain near-daily attacks by Palestinian assailants. □

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Thousands stranded on new migrant route through Europe

R. RADOVANOVIC
Associated Press

OPATOVAC, Croatia (AP)

— Tension was building among thousands of migrants as they remained stranded in fog and cold weather in the Balkans on Sunday in their quest to reach a better life in Western Europe, a day after Hungary closed its border with Croatia and the flow of people was redirected to a much slower route via Slovenia.

Tiny Slovenia has said it will only take in 2,500 people a day, significantly stalling the movement of people as they fled their countries in the Middle East, Asia and Africa. On Saturday, more than 6,000 people reached Croatia, but most of them were stuck in the country as well as in neighboring

Serbia on Sunday— and thousands kept on arriving. On the Serbian-Croatian border, tensions flared and scuffles erupted as hundreds of irritated migrants faced a cordon of Croatian policemen preventing them from entry.

The Balkan migrant route switched to Slovenia early Saturday after Hungary's right-wing government closed its border to Croatia for the influx, citing security concerns and saying it wants to protect the European Union from an uncontrolled flow of people.

Slovenian officials said they can't accept 5,000 migrants per day as asked by Croatia, which is likely to cause a further backlog in the flow. Interior Ministry official Bostjan Sefic said Slovenia can't take more than



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, right, shakes hands Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel, left, following a joint statement after their meeting in Istanbul, Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015. Merkel met with Turkish leaders to promote a EU plan that would offer aid and concessions to Turkey in exchange for measures to stem the mass movement of migrants across Europe's borders. (Tolga Bozoglu, Pool Photo via AP)

neighboring Austria, which said it can accept 1,500 per day.

"If we would accept 5,000 migrants per day that would mean 35,000 would be in Slovenia in 10 days," Sefic said, taking into account those who leave for Austria. "That would be unacceptable."

Slovenia said Sunday it won't allow entry to about 1,800 migrants on a train from Croatia after more than 2,000 people have already entered in one day. Some 5,000 other migrants will have to spend a cold night in a camp in Opatovac, eastern Croatia, before they can head toward Slovenia, the next step on their journey toward richer EU states, such as Germany or Sweden.

Across the border in Serbia, thousands of people have been sitting in some 50 buses since early hours Sunday waiting to cross to Croatia. More are expected to arrive during the day.

"We are waiting here 4 hours on the bus," said Muhammad Samin from Afghanistan. "The weather is too cold. We wear lots of shirts. The children are also in the cold. No food."

The United Nations refugee agency warned that Hungary's decision to close its border for migrants has increased their suffering and could lead to a backlog down the so-called Balkan route that goes from Turkey through Greece, Macedonia, Serbia and Croatia. Babar Baloch, regional spokesman for Central Europe for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, said the new migrant route through Slovenia has significantly prolonged their already weeks-long journey.

"The decision by Hungary to close its border has certainly added to the suffering and misery and the length of the journey for these desperate people," Baloch said. "There will be challenges if the process

becomes slow or we have a backlog of people."

The Hungarian border closure is the latest demonstration of EU's uncoordinated response to the surge of people reaching its borders. More than 600,000 people, mostly Syrians, have reached Europe since the beginning of this year.

Hungary decided to close the border with Croatia after EU leaders last week failed to agree on a plan backed by Hungary to send EU forces to block migrants from reaching Greece from Turkey. It did the same on Sept. 15 on the border with Serbia after erecting a razor wire fence on both frontiers.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel was meeting Turkish leaders on Sunday to promote an EU plan that would offer aid and concessions to Turkey in exchange for measures to stem the mass movement of migrants into Europe. □

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Tension ahead of last round of UN climate talks before Paris

KARL RITTER

Associated Press

STOCKHOLM (AP) — African countries on Sunday dismissed an early draft of a U.N. climate accord as “unbalanced” and demanded amendments to even consider it at the final negotiating session before a landmark conference in Paris.

The move by the African bloc came on the eve of week-long talks in Bonn, Germany, on what's envisioned to become the most ambitious agreement ever to fight global warming. Delegates on Monday were supposed to start line-by-line editing a 20-page draft that contains multiple options on how to reduce the greenhouse gas emis-

sions that scientists say are warming the planet.

But the African countries, many of which are among the most vulnerable to climate impacts such as desertification and sea level rise, said the draft “cannot be used as a basis for negotiation, as it is unbalanced, and does not reflect the African Group positions, and crosses the group's red-lines.”

Group spokesman Seyni Nafo told The Associated Press that the African countries want more emphasis on financial support to help poor countries cope with climate change.

Nafo said the group was confident that it would be allowed to make additions to the text before negotia-



A bicycle taxi sits in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower in Paris. It is reported Sunday Oct. 18, 2015, high level U.N. climate negotiators are scheduled to meet in Bonn, Germany to hammer out the final details ahead of final meetings in Paris, for what is envisioned to become the most ambitious agreement ever to fight global warming.

(AP Photo/Michel Euler)

tions get underway. “Our position is not to delay work, but to ensure that

there's a fair basis for all,” he said.

Some 150 countries — in-

cluding top emitters China, the United States, the European Union and India — have already made voluntary pledges to cut or curb their emissions after 2020, when the deal is supposed to take effect.

But several analyses show those pledges won't be enough to prevent levels of warming that many consider dangerous, so a key element of the Paris deal would be a mechanism to raise those commitments over time. “We don't want to make a picture, we want to make a movie,” Netherlands climate envoy Michel Rentenaar said, insisting that the Paris agreement cannot freeze the current level of ambition on climate action. □

Venezuela buys 25% stake in Antigua and Barbuda oil company

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (AP) —

Venezuela announced Saturday that its state-owned oil company will buy a 25 percent stake in West Indies Oil Co. and that it will establish a regional bank with the Antigua and Barbuda government to fund a new resort.

The announcement came during a visit to Antigua by Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, who was on a

whirlwind weekend Caribbean tour that included stops at three other nations — Suriname, St. Lucia and Grenada. He was meeting with their leaders to discuss economic and social development initiatives.

Venezuelan officials said the regional bank would finance the new Simon Bolivar Resort Hotel and other development projects using resources generated by

the Petrocaribe program, which provides low-cost oil financing to Caribbean and Central American countries and invests in social development projects. Executives at Venezuela's state oil company, Petroleos de Venezuela SA, said the purchase of a stake in West Indies Oil Co. was just the beginning of “joint investments” between the countries.

The Caribbean nations visited by Maduro are members of the Petrocaribe program, which critics say has lost effectiveness with the drop in oil prices.

Last March, Barclays analysts estimated Venezuela had cut the program's daily oil shipments in half, to 200,000 barrels from 400,000.

Maduro defended the program Saturday, saying

Venezuela is looking to increase cooperation with its Caribbean neighbors.

“Petrocaribe is a reality and it is our starting point, our foundation to build a powerful economic zone,” Maduro said.

Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne said that he and Maduro “agreed to work in various areas of cooperation.” □



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Mexican drug lord flown to Sinaloa mountains after escape

E. EDUARDO CASTILLO

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Fugitive drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman was flown to a mountainous region of his home state of Sinaloa following his daring July 11 escape from prison through a mile-long tunnel, a federal official said Saturday.

Based on this information, the search for the world's most wanted drug boss has focused in recent weeks on a rugged area that stretches from Sinaloa into neighboring Durango state, part of Mexico's infamous Golden Triangle drug-producing region that is considered Guzman's home turf, said the official, who agreed to give details of the operation only if not quoted by name.

The official said that after Guzman's escape from the maximum-security prison where he was being held not far from Mexico City,



In this 2014 photo, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman is escorted to a helicopter in handcuffs by Mexican navy marines at a navy hanger in Mexico City. Guzman was flown to a mountainous region of his home state of Sinaloa following his daring July 11 escape from prison through a mile-long tunnel, a federal official said Saturday.

(AP Photo/Eduardo Verdugo)

the leader of the powerful Sinaloa Cartel was taken to the central state of Queretaro. From there, he was flown in a small plane to the Sinaloa mountains, the official said.

Several days ago, Attorney General Arely Gomez told Mexican lawmakers that authorities had captured

a pilot who aided Guzman after his escape. The federal official said Saturday that it was the pilot who flew Guzman in the small plane. Late Friday, the government said Guzman had avoided capture in an operation in the mountains of northwestern Mexico.

A statement by Mexico's

Security Cabinet said officials think the legendary drug lord injured a leg and his face fleeing Mexican marines in the rugged terrain. It provided no details on when or exactly where the operation took place, but the area of mountains of Sinaloa and Durango is in northwest Mexico.

The statement cited information-sharing with international agencies for leading authorities to the area. On Saturday, a mayor in the region said hundreds of people had left their homes in mountain communities in the search area in fear of the military operation. Samuel Lizarraga, mayor of the Cosala municipality, said that in the previous 10 days officials had recorded the arrival of 250 heads of households, which he estimated meant a total of 600 to 700 adults and children.

"Some told us that they had been walking up to six days from parts of the mountain zones," he said

in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "They came very afraid."

Oscar Loza, spokesman for the Commission for the Defense of Human Rights of Sinaloa, said his group began getting calls from the search area on Oct. 6 asking for help from people who reported Mexican troops were shooting in the area and also hindering the movement of residents. "Saturday the 10th we were able to get to one of the communities, called El Verano, and they received us in tears.

They were very afraid," Loza said.

One resident, who would give only the name Heraclio, told AP journalists that marines had been firing weapons and exploding grenades even though they knew women and children live in the area.

"They came shooting at my brother's ranch," he complained. Guzman previously escaped from another maximum-security prison in 2001, and evaded capture for years in the mountains of Sinaloa.

His most recent escape strained relations with Washington, which had formally requested the drug kingpin's extradition just weeks earlier.

A variety of U.S. officials, including lawmakers and law enforcement officials, had called for Guzman's transfer to the U.S. since his arrest in February 2014. □

Colombia, rebels agree to joint search for missing

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— Colombia's government and its biggest rebel movement say they'll work together to locate thousands of people who vanished during more than 50 years of conflict, hoping to advance toward a permanent peace.

Chief Government negotiator Humberto de la Calle

said Sunday the agreement aims to ease "the profound pain of relatives of the disappeared" who have lived in permanent uncertainty for years.

Representatives of the government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia announced the plan Saturday in Cuba, where they are holding

talks on a peace treaty. They have committed to reach a final deal by March.

Both sides agreed to give information on people who died, whether in combat or as victims of kidnappings, force disappearances or massacres.

De la Calle said at a news conference in Bogota that

an independent commission would be created to oversee the search for the missing.

Some 25,000 people have been registered as missing since 1985. An estimated 220,000 have died and 5 million have been displaced from their homes during the conflict as a whole. □

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ruary 10, 2015 by Myrish, Chicago IL.

--"Easily reached from the high rise area, this was a neat restaurant with a definite Dutch flavor. Nightly specials and wide variety on the menu." --Reviewed April 13, 2015 by Swimmermom14, Silver Springs MD.

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--"After 15 years of vaca-

told that the sirloin tips with roasted veggies and gravy were very good and that's what 3 of us ordered. The other entree that was touted was the grouper crusted with cheese which is what our wives ordered. No risk takers in our group. My sirloin tips were great and all who went with that meal agreed it was tasty and a good portion. My wife and the other 2 women raved about the grouper. I tasted my wife's and it was very good. Our meal was very good and reasonably priced. In fact Barney's is one of 2 restaurants that we visited twice during our 4 weeks on the island and



tions in Aruba we have dined in most of the restaurants on the Island worthy of a visit. Our timeshare has evolved from 2 weeks to our current 4 weeks so over those many years we have witnessed many changes in the dining scene. Tourism is the primary if not the only source of income for the Aruban resident so if you're in the restaurant business you better be good or you most certainly will be gone. We heard about Barneys from a friend and then from another friend so we decided to give it a shot. We were a party of 6 and were seated on time. We were

we can't wait to return next year.--Reviewed March 30, 2015, by JackF, New York, NY.

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Lexi Thompson wins LPGA Tour event in South Korea

INCHEON, South Korea (AP)

— Lexi Thompson broke out of a crowded pack Sunday to win the LPGA KEB Hana Bank Championship for her second victory of the year and sixth overall.

The 20-year-old American closed with a 3-under 69 to beat Taiwan's Yani Tseng and South Korea's Sung Hyun Park by a stroke on Sky 72's Ocean Course.

"It's very satisfying," Thompson said. "I always look forward to coming back to South Korea and playing in front of these amazing fans. I love Sky 72. It's a great golf course. Getting a win, it means so much."

Lydia Ko missed a chance to take the top spot in the world from South Korean star Inbee Park, finishing with a 72 that dropped the 18-year-old South Korean-born New Zealander into a tie for fourth at 13 under with South Korea's Amy Yang and American Gerina Piller.

Yang birdied the final nine holes for a 62. She became the first player in tour history to close with nine straight birdies, tied the record for consecutive birdies set by Beth Daniel in 1999, broke the nine-hole mark for relation to par at 9 under and matched the record for the lowest total at 27. Yang also tied the course record set by Sung Hyun Park on Thursday.

"I don't know what just happened. Just can't believe," Yang said. "Shots were great. Early in the week I was shaky, but I don't know, this back nine



Lexi Thompson of the United States hits out of a bunker on the 18th hole during the second round of the KEB Hana Bank Championship golf tournament at Sky72 Golf Club in Incheon, South Korea, Friday, Oct. 16, 2015.

Associated Press

was crazy good."

Thompson took a two-stroke lead with a birdie on the short par-4 15th. She drove to the right of the green and hit a flop shot to 8 feet.

"When I went for that green and I saw my ball bounce over, I'm like, 'Probably not going to be the best chip shot, or the easiest,'" Thompson said. "But I love hitting flop shots out of the rough. I just opened the blade wide open and just took a big swing at it. I figured, at worst, it would run through the fringe but have a straight uphill putt."

On the par-5 18th, she hit a 290-yard drive, put her 190-yard second shot into deep rough left of the green and lashed another flop to 12 feet to set up a two-putt par. "I'm overall a very aggressive player," Thompson said. "So, if I have 190 front, I'm not laying up. But it's good to play aggressive and know that I can get up-and-down."

Thompson opened with rounds of 68, 67 and 69 to enter the final round a shot behind Ko and Sung Hyun Park. The 6-foot Florida player birdied the final three holes on the front

nine to take the lead. She bogeyed the par-4 11th, and got the stroke back with the birdie on 15.

Thompson finished at 15-under 273, earned \$300,000 and is projected to jump from fifth to fourth in the world ranking. She also won in July in Michigan.

Sung Hyun Park birdied the 18th for a 71 in her first start on the LPGA Tour.

Playing the group ahead of Thompson, Tseng birdied the final two holes for a 68. The former top-ranked player won the last of her 15 LPGA Tour titles in March 2012.

"Getting closer and closer," Tseng said. "I'm very feeling good about my game." Ko ended up needing to win or finish in a two-way tie for second to regain the top spot in the world. Inbee Park shot a 69 to tie for 15th at 8 under in her home event.

"It was great to just see family, my niece and nephews out here," Ko said. "It's just really good to be able to play in front of them. Doesn't matter if I shoot even par, under par, over par, you don't get to play in front of family or relatives that often." □

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Logano spins out Kenseth late, wins at Kansas Speedway

DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — Joey Logano kept peeking around Matt Kenseth as the laps ticked away at Kansas Speedway, the two of them in entirely different situations in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

Logano had nothing to lose. Kenseth had just about everything.

So when Logano got under Kenseth entering Turn 1 with about five laps remaining, and sent him spinning across the track, it left many eyebrows raised long after the Penske Racing driver pulled away on the final restart to win his second straight Chase race.

"That's good, hard racing," Logano said. "We were racing each other really hard. I felt like I got fenced twice."

He raced me hard so I raced him back."

Logano was already guaranteed his spot in the next round of the Chase after his victory at Charlotte, though. After a disastrous race a week ago, Kenseth's team arrived at Kansas knowing a victory this weekend or next weekend at unpredictable Talladega might be the only way he could make it to the final eight in the "eliminator" round of the playoffs.

That's why Kenseth was doing everything possible to block Logano.

"I'm really disappointed," Kenseth said. "I was running the lane he wanted to run in, but my goodness, isn't this racing? Strategically, I think it wasn't the smartest move on his part. He'll probably sleep good tonight. I hope he enjoys that one. It's not what I

would have done."

Kenseth wound up leading a race-high 153 laps, but his wild ride with a handful to go dropped him to 14th in the race and, more importantly, last among the 12 drivers in the title race.

"I'm sure we'll talk about it," Logano said after hopping out of his No. 22 Ford. "I just felt like I raced hard. I got fenced twice. I wasn't going to put up with it." Uh, Joey, you sure about that chat?

"I won't talk to Joey. I don't have anything to talk to him about," Kenseth said. "I'm one of the only guys that I think hasn't been into it yet with Joey, and I've always raced him with a ton of respect. I've actually been one of his biggest fans. I'm certainly not anymore."

Already eliminated from contention, Jimmie Johnson had a strong car all day and wound up behind Hamlin in third. Kasey Kahne was fourth, followed by Chase drivers Kyle Busch and Kurt Busch. Ryan Blaney was seventh, followed by more title contenders in Carl Edwards, pole sitter Brad Keselowski, Jeff Gordon and Ryan Newman.

Hamlin's second-place finish allowed him to climb to second in the standings, giving him the best chance of everybody outside of Logano of moving onto the next round.

"It was a very good day," he said. "I wanted to be seventh or better entering this weekend, and obviously second was a good run for us. Some of the guys in front of us had some troubles."

Plenty of guys behind him, too. □

When the field pitted under green with 53 laps remaining, Martin Truex Jr. had a tire roll away and served a pass-through penalty, while Kevin Harvick drove off with his fuel can and had to serve a stop-and-go penalty. Both lost a lap and precious points in the title race.



Sprint Cup Series driver Joey Logano (22) crosses the finish line to win a NASCAR auto race at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan., Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015.

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Dalton helps Bengals stay perfect with 34-21 win

The Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, New York

(AP) — Andy Dalton threw three touchdown passes as the unbeaten Cincinnati Bengals won their sixth straight to match the team's best start to a season with a 34-21 victory over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday.

With star receiver A.J. Green covered much of the game, Dalton completed touchdown passes to Marvin Jones, Tyler Eifert and Jeremy Hill. Dalton finished 22 of 33 for 243 yards for Cincinnati, which was also 6-0 to start the 1975 and '88 seasons.

The Bengals broke the game open by scoring 17 points on their first three second-half possessions to build a 34-14 lead.

The Bills (3-3) were undone by injuries and several penalties that allowed the Bengals to enjoy an average drive start of midfield in the first half.

BRONCOS 26, BROWNS 23, OT

CLEVELAND (AP) — Peyton



Cincinnati Bengals running back Jeremy Hill (32) dives past Buffalo Bills defenders for a touchdown during the first half of an NFL football game on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015, in Orchard Park, N.Y.
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Manning shook off three interceptions and drove Denver in range for Brandon McManus' 34-yard field goal with 4:56 left in overtime.

Manning took the Broncos from their own 12 to Cleveland's 16 before McManus kicked his game-winner to make Denver 6-0 for the seventh time in franchise history. The Broncos only rallied thanks to their top-ranked defense, which came up big in overtime. After Manning's third pick, Denver recorded two sacks to push the Browns (2-4) out of field-goal range.

PACKERS 27, CHARGERS 20
 GREEN BAY, Wisconsin (AP) — Green Bay stopped San Diego on fourth-and-goal from the 3 with 15 seconds left and overcame a career day by Philip Rivers to hold off the Chargers.

Rivers set career highs with 43 completions, 65 attempts and 503 yards passing. He threw for two

touchdowns for the Chargers (2-4). But he needed one more completion. Rookie cornerback Damarious Randall lunged to poke away Rivers' short pass to Danny Woodhead near the front right pylon in the final seconds. The fans inside Lambeau Field erupted with a collective sigh of relief. Green Bay (6-0) survived its biggest scare of the year to stay unbeaten.

The Packers started strong and finished barely in front. Running back James Starks had touchdowns on a 65-yard run and a 5-yard pass in the first quarter.

LIONS 37, BEARS 34, OT
 DETROIT (AP) — A win, finally. Matt Prater kicked a 27-yard field goal with 2:29 left in overtime, and Detroit won for the first time this season.

Matthew Stafford heaved a 57-yard pass to Calvin Johnson to set up the kick for the Lions (1-5). Johnson

finished with six receptions for 166 yards.

The Bears (2-4) had chances for a third straight comeback win.

Chicago's Robbie Gould kicked a 29-yard field goal as time expired in regulation. The tying score was set up by Darius Slay getting called for interference after Jay Cutler's 25- and 24-yard passes to Alshon Jeffery.

PANTHERS 27, SEAHAWKS 23
 SEATTLE (AP) — Cam Newton threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Greg Olsen with 32 seconds left as Carolina remained unbeaten, rallying for a stunning win over Seattle.

Newton led the Panthers (5-0) to touchdowns on their final two possessions after trailing 23-14, the second straight week the Seahawks collapsed in the fourth quarter. Newton found Olsen wide open down the seam as All-Pro Earl Thomas and Richard

Sherman looked at each other in confusion.

Newton was 12 of 15 for 169 yards in the fourth quarter and threw for 269 yards overall. He led the Panthers on a pair of 80-yard touchdown drives in the final period as the Panthers improved to 5-0 for the second time in franchise history.

It was the second straight week the Seahawks (2-4) suffered a late defensive meltdown.

JETS 34, REDSKINS 20

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP) — Ryan Fitzpatrick threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score as the Jets overcame a sloppy first half.

Chris Ivory ran for 146 yards and a TD on 20 carries for the Jets, who improved to 4-1 for the first time since 2010. Brandon Marshall had seven catches for 111 yards, and Eric Decker also caught a TD. The Redskins are 2-4.

STEELERS 25, CARDINALS 13

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Landry Jones threw two touchdown passes to Martavis Bryant in relief of Michael Vick as Pittsburgh rallied for the win.

Vick left in the third quarter with a hamstring injury and Pittsburgh's offense took off when Jones took over. Jones hit Bryant for an 8-yard score to give the Steelers (4-2) the lead. The two hooked up later for an 88-yard strike.

Jones completed 8 of 12 passes for 168 yards and the two scores. Bryant caught six passes for 137 yards in his first action of the season.

Carson Palmer threw for 421 yards with a TD and two interceptions. John Brown caught 10 balls for 196 yards for the Cardinals (4-2). □



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Djokovic caps successful China swing with Shanghai title

**JUSTIN BERGMAN
Associated Press**

SHANGHAI (AP) — Novak Djokovic wore a red shirt in his matches at the Shanghai Masters this week to connect with his Chinese fans and perhaps give himself a little boost.

"I know it's a lucky national color, so it's my lucky charm," he said.

With the way he dominated, he didn't need any luck. Djokovic defeated Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France 6-2, 6-4 to capture the ninth title of his impressive season in Shanghai on Sunday, a week after he triumphed at the China Open in Beijing for the sixth time in six appearances. He didn't drop a set at either tournament, only once being pushed to a tiebreaker, and extended his winning streak to 17 straight matches dating back to his championship run at the U.S. Open.

"This has been the best two weeks of my life, my career," the top-ranked Serb said. "Energy-wise, I was great. I didn't get tired. I always had plenty of intensity, concentration, a high performance level from the first match in Beijing to today's match." Tsonga came into the match leading the tournament with 64 aces, but Djokovic returned so effectively that he broke the Frenchman three times and held him to zero aces in the opening set.

Tsonga played more aggressively in the second set, but still had to fight off five break points until Djokovic was finally able to convert on his sixth when the Frenchman double-faulted while serving at 4-all. Djokovic then served out the match.

"Today, there is nothing to say. He's playing a lot

ter on the courtside television camera after each

ery reason Djokovic could finish the season undefeat-

ed — he hasn't lost in Paris or London since 2012. □



Novak Djokovic of Serbia gestures with his winner's trophy after he defeated Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France in the final match of the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament at Qizhong Forest Sports City Tennis Center in Shanghai, China, Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015.
Associated Press

better than everybody," Tsonga said. "You have to be in your best shape to beat him anyway, and everybody knows that it's not easy to play your best tennis every match."

Djokovic has traditionally played well during the Asian swing following the U.S. Open when other players are either nursing injuries or tired after a long season. In terms of the quality of his tennis in China this year, though, the Serb said he's never felt as confident. "I mean, only one set where I got a tiebreak in two weeks is quite incredible," he said. "So I'm very, very pleased with the way I've played." Having a lot of fan support certainly helps. His Chinese supporters packed the stadium on Sunday with Serbia flags, and as Djokovic noted earlier this week some have even given themselves Serbian names and are learning his country's national anthem. Djokovic thanked them for their support by writing a different Chinese charac-

ter ("love" and "fortune" are two of his favorites) and trying some Mandarin in his victory speech. "I need to work on my phrases more because I've been saying the same thing for too many years," he said with a laugh.

But it's not just China where he has been winning this year — it's just about everywhere.

Among his accomplishments, with the Paris Masters and ATP Finals in London still left to play:

— Djokovic became one of three men to play in all four Grand Slam finals in a single season in the Open era, joining Roger Federer and Rod Laver. (Laver, coincidentally, was in the stands to watch Djokovic's win on Sunday.)

— With wins in Beijing and Shanghai, he surpassed \$16 million in prize money, the highest ever by a player in a single season. — He has also reached 13 consecutive finals dating back to January, second only to Federer's 17 straight finals in 2005-06. And there's ev-

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Golovkin looks for megafight after big win at Garden

TIM DAHLBERG

AP Boxing Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—Gennady Golovkin gave a slight bow and apologized to David Lemieux after hitting him while he was on the canvas in the fifth round of their middleweight title fight. Golovkin could afford to be magnanimous. Everything else he did was nearly perfect Saturday night when he staked his claim as boxing's best before a sold-out crowd on the big stage of Madison Square Garden. In a coming out party of sorts, Golovkin battered Lemieux at will before referee Steve Griffith mercifully stopped the fight in the eighth round with the Canadian taking a beating on the ropes. It was yet another impressive performance from a fighter many are starting to notice as he knocks out almost everyone who steps in the ring with him.

More important, it sets up a possible bout that has boxing fans salivating: Triple G against the winner of the Nov. 21 middleweight title clash between Canelo Alvarez and Miguel Cotto. "This fight puts him at the next level," promoter Tom Loeffler said. "He's at the top of the sport. There's probably only one other fighter now who can fill



Gennady Golovkin, left, hits David Lemieux in the eighth round of a world middleweight title fight at Madison Square Garden in New York on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015. Golovkin won by a TKO in the eighth round.

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Madison Square Garden and that is Cotto."

The bout wowed a crowd of 20,548 that included Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump. Former middleweight champion Bernard Hopkins has seen a lot in his years in the sport, and believes the man who beat the fighter he was promoting is something special.

"He's poisonous," Hopkins said. "He's patient."

Golovkin was both those things against Lemieux, taking his time in an efficient performance that saw him land 51 percent of his punches. Most of those landed crisply, and took their toll as the rounds added up.

With Triple G, of course, the knockout is everything. And while Lemieux was still standing in the eighth round, he became the 21st straight fighter Golovkin

has stopped within the distance.

"I felt his power, but I was strong tonight," Golovkin said. "My punches hurt him."

Lemieux, who brought a piece of the middleweight title into the ring, complained afterward that the referee stopped the fight too quickly while he was still on his feet. But Golovkin had won every round on all three ringside scorecards,

and the wild rights that Lemieux was hoping would turn the fight around never landed solidly.

When the fight was over and the punches had been tallied Golovkin had landed 280 punches to 89 for Lemieux. It was Golovkin's first pay-per-view bout.

"I told you this was a very important fight," he said. "I give my fans and friends a big show. Thank you, my fans. Thank you, my people."

Golovkin plans to be ringside in Las Vegas for the Alvarez-Cotto fight next month, with the hope of meeting the winner in the spring.

That bout, if it happens, would likely be on Cinco de Mayo weekend, which in the past has been reserved for Floyd Mayweather Jr. fights.

With Mayweather now retired, the middleweight division could be in the spotlight. Golovkin, who has had trouble coaxing fighters in the ring against him, is suddenly a very marketable fighter. With millions of dollars at stake, some may take the challenge against the devastating puncher.

"At least now nobody can use the excuse they can't get paid to fight Gennady," Loeffler said. "That excuse is gone now." □

Jankovic wins Hong Kong Open for 15th WTA title

HONG KONG (AP) — Jelena Jankovic of Serbia came back from the brink of defeat on Sunday to overpower Angelique Kerber in the Hong Kong Open final, putting on hold the German's hopes of playing in the season-ending WTA Finals in Singapore.

Fourth-seeded Jankovic, who beat Venus Williams in the semifinals, was a set and 6-5 down before she rallied to beat second-seeded Kerber 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-1 at Hong Kong's Victoria Park for her 15th WTA title. Ninth-ranked Kerber needed to win to confirm a berth at the WTA Finals.

Former top-ranked Jankovic, who added to her

Guangzhou title at the beginning of the Asian swing, relied on her powerful baseline game.

"This victory will do my confidence a world of good. Beating Angelique and my win over Venus in the semifinals proves I can still play at the top level and, if I work hard, maybe I can win a Grand Slam next year," said Jankovic, a wild card entry.

Kerber's serve deserted her midway through the match with four double faults at crucial stages in the second set. Both players traded service breaks twice to go to a tiebreaker where Jankovic held her nerve.

Jankovic continued to rely



Jelena Jankovic of Serbia smiles as she poses with the trophy after defeating Angelique Kerber of Germany during their final match at the WTA Hong Kong Open tennis tournament in Hong Kong, Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015.

Associated Press

on her powerful, double-handed backhand and took a 3-0 lead in the third set. After a medical timeout, Kerber tamely folded — dropping her serve again in the sixth game. The 30-year-old Jankovic served out the match.

The 27-year-old Kerber will now have to rely on a strong showing at the Kremlin Cup in Moscow, starting Monday, to see if she will remain among the top eight on the Road to Singapore race.

"I have entered to play in Moscow but I will have to see how I shape up," said Kerber, who said she has been struggling with a back injury. □



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Wal-Mart, others speed up deliveries to shoppers

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AP Retail Writer

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) — Christmas won't come early this year, but the gifts might.

Just in time for the winter holiday shopping season, Amazon, Wal-Mart, Macy's and other retailers are working behind the scenes to make sure they can deliver online orders to shoppers faster.

Retailers are building bigger warehouses — some the size of 20 football fields — to handle shipments. They're also sending orders to shoppers directly from their stores and using sophisticated software that tells them the quickest, cheapest way to get orders shipped. And Amazon is cutting the time it takes to process an order from hours to minutes by using robots to pull items for shipment in its warehouses.

It's a race for time by retailers as more people shop online. U.S. online sales are expected to increase 12 percent to \$371 billion this year, accounting for 10 percent of overall retail sales, says Forrester Research. But as online shopping grows, so does the impatience of shoppers who want their orders fast.

Traditional brick-and-mortar stores are trying to catch up to Amazon.com, which set the standard for speed with its two-day delivery for members of its Prime loyalty program who pay \$99 a year. But even Amazon feels pressure to please customers who have little tolerance for lengthy delivery waits.

"I would like to plan ahead, but I've been able to wait until the last minute to get things done," said Keri Early, a Clyde, Illinois, resident who orders from Amazon



In this Feb. 13, 2015 file photo, a worker places an item in a box for shipment during a media tour of the new Amazon.com fulfillment center in DuPont, Wash.

frequently.

For many retailers, the goal to meet the demands of shoppers like Early for speedy service is to make two-day delivery standard. That's half the average for standard delivery for the top 40 online retailers, according to data company StellaService. But most are stopping short of guaranteeing customers faster deliveries.

Wal-Mart says it aims to get packages to shoppers who get standard shipping within two days for a majority of the U.S. this holiday season. The retailer now uses 83 of its more than 4,500 U.S. stores to ship to customers. The world's largest retailer also is spending \$1.2 billion to \$1.5 billion in online investments this year and \$1.1 billion next year. That's up from last year's \$1 billion. The investments are squeezing profit: Wal-Mart stock tumbled Wednesday after it warned earnings would be down as much

as 12 percent next year in part because of its heavy spending on e-commerce. Still, Wal-Mart is spending to stay competitive with online rivals. Since last year, the world's largest retailer has opened five warehouses across the country in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; Fort Worth, Texas; Plainfield, Indiana; and Atlanta to handle online orders. Next year, Wal-Mart plans to open another center in southern California, one in Dallas and two more in Florida.

The new warehouses each will ship hundreds of thousands of orders daily, four to five times its dozens of existing smaller warehouses. Each new warehouse has several million items, five times the network of older warehouses. That will enable Wal-Mart to offer more consolidated orders arriving in fewer boxes.

"This is going to allow us to be more efficient, to do it faster, to do it cheaper and

be more accurate with the orders, which is important with the customers," said Greg Foran, CEO of Wal-Mart's U.S. business.

One of Wal-Mart's two Bethlehem warehouses opened in July and is considered the retailer's crown jewel. It has two towers with four stories of the fastest moving items of the season that can be retrieved through a computerized chute. For example, for the holidays, that would include iPads and swimsuits for the summer.

"By mid-November, this place will be humming," said Justen Traweck, Wal-Mart's vice president of e-commerce operations and fulfillment.

Other retailers also have built new warehouses to meet demand:

— Home Depot opened its third and largest warehouse in Troy, Ohio, in September to handle online orders. Together, these warehouses will allow Home De-

pot to ship to 90 percent of shoppers within two days.

— Macy's new facility, which recently opened in Tulsa, Oklahoma, will enable the retailer to send 90 percent of packages in central western states within two days.

By year's end, Macy's says the chain will be able to deliver packages within two days overall, faster than its standard of three to six days.

— Target opened two new warehouses this year. It also is now shipping products from 462 of its 1,800 stores, up from 150 a year ago. Target said online shoppers are likely to get deliveries within two days if the product is delivered from the store, compared with four days from the warehouse.

Target also launched a program that enables it to let shoppers know a precise delivery date. That's instead of offering a wide delivery window of four to six days, for example.

— Nordstrom opened a third warehouse in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, to handle online orders. That will eventually allow the chain to deliver orders to half of its customers in two days.

"You know our friends in Seattle continue to set the standard," Mike Koppel, Nordstrom's chief financial officer, told investors in September, referring to Amazon. "In order to be an exemplar in that, you're going to have to invest in that because that's what people are going to expect."

For its part, Amazon, which has 50 U.S. warehouses that typically house millions of products, is building a facility in Kent, Washington that will house 20 percent more items. □

First Data debut, delays show cooling IPO market

MARLEY JAY
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The largest initial public offering of the year fell short of expectations and the proposed second-largest was postponed in a sign that IPOs are struggling while inves-

after competitor Wal-Mart surprised Wall Street with a weak outlook, causing its shares to tumble. Early this month Albertsons projected it would raise as much as \$1.7 billion by going public.

Earlier this year companies

ger of exchange-traded funds focused on IPOs, said offerings are now at their slowest pace in four years. And when companies do go public, the returns for companies and their backers have been disappointing: since the start of Sep-

trading below their starting prices.

First Data Corp. provides credit card and payment card processing for banks and retailers and sells network and security products. Its offering of 160 million shares priced at \$16 each, below the company's estimate of \$18 to \$20 a share. The stock closed the day at \$15.75, down 25 cents.

According to Renaissance Capital, the offering is bigger than the two next-largest U.S. IPOs put together: Tallgrass Energy GP raised \$1.2 billion in May and Columbia Pipeline Partners raised almost \$1.1 billion in February. Since then a supply glut has sent energy prices plunging, and they've taking energy company profits and stocks with them.

Spokesman Brian Dowling said the company was postponing its IPO "given the recent market volatility." Albertsons' brands include Albertsons, Safeway, and Jewel-Osco, and its annual revenue is more than \$57 billion.

Retail giant Wal-Mart on Wednesday said it is bracing for its profit to take a hit as it works to fend off competition from traditional grocers, dollar stores and Amazon.com. The company said its profit will fall in its next fiscal year and sales in the current year will be flat because of unfavorable currency exchange rates. Wal-Mart's shares on Wednesday fell 10 percent, their biggest drop in almost 30 years, and slipped another 1.2 percent on Thursday. □



First Data Corp. President Guy Chiarello, left, Chairman & CEO Frank Bisignano, second left, with Executive Vice Presidents Tom Higgins, third left, and Anthony Marino, pose for photos in front of the New York Stock Exchange prior to the company's IPO, Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015. First data is the leading payment services provider to the e-commerce industry.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

tors worry about the health of the global markets.

Late Wednesday payment technology company First Data said its IPO priced at \$2.56 billion. The offering was by far the largest U.S.-listed IPO of 2015, but First Data had expected to raise hundreds of millions more. Meanwhile Albertsons Cos., the second-largest supermarket operator in the U.S., said it would delay its own offering because of the volatile state of the markets.

Albertsons announced the postponement just hours

were going public at the fastest pace in years, but that changed over the last few months as Wall Street worried more and more about the slowing economy in China, the second-largest economy in the world. While the U.S. economy is improving, there are areas of concern affecting it as well: low inflation, falling commodity prices, and the question of when the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates and what will happen when it does.

Kathleen Smith from Renaissance Capital, a man-

tember, IPOs have priced an average of 17 percent lower than the companies expected.

"Right now it looks like IPO investors are willing to come to the table, but only at discounted prices," Smith said.

But there's a positive side to the lower-than-expected prices. Smith said shares of companies that went public with disappointing IPO prices in September are currently providing positive returns, while most companies that have gone public in 2015 are currently

Seeking love on Nasdaq: Match Group filing IPO

NEW YORK (AP) — Match Group is swiping right and hopes investors will do the same: The parent of Tinder, Match.com and OkCupid is filing for an initial public offering of stock.

The company valued the offering at \$100 million, although that is an estimate made for purposes of calculating a filing fee and could change. Match Group Inc. says it will list its shares on Nasdaq under the symbol "MTCH."

Match Group is a unit of IAC/InterActiveCorp, which is controlled by billionaire Barry Diller. IAC/InterActiveCorp will still have majority control of Match after the offering. It also owns Web properties like Vimeo, HomeAdvisor, About.com and CollegeHumor.

Match Group says it has turned a profit in each of the last three years. The Dallas-based company says it had \$1 billion in revenue over the 12 months ended June 30. Before the end of the year it expects to buy yet another site, PlentyOfFish, for \$575 million.

According to a filing with regulators, as of Sep. 30 Match had about 59 million active monthly users, 4.7 million of them paid, using its "dating products" in 38 languages in more than 190 countries.

The filing comes at a time of slowing IPO activity because of concerns about the health of the global economy, which has led to turmoil on Wall Street.

IPOs are currently at their slowest pace in about four years, according to Renaissance Capital, and many of the companies that have gone public have seen their stocks start trading at lower prices than they had hoped.

This week, payment technology company First Data Corp. went public with the largest U.S.-listed IPO of the year, but the \$2.56 billion offering was smaller than the company had expected. □

Deutsche Bank to restructure divisions, management

BERLIN (AP) — Germany's biggest bank, Deutsche Bank AG, said Sunday that it is restructuring its divisions and making changes to its management structure in an effort to streamline its business. The bank's corporate banking and securities division will be split in two, and its asset and wealth management division also will be divided into

separate units. The company's management structure also will be overhauled. It will scrap its group executive committee, a body that includes the bank's top executives as well as regional and other representatives, and slightly expand its management board. In addition, it will abolish 10 of the current 16 management board committees,

and several top managers will shift positions or leave. Deutsche Bank said the aim is "to reduce complexity of the bank's management structure, enabling it to better meet client demands and requirements of supervisory authorities." The decision at a supervisory board meeting is the latest shake-up following the arrival of new co-chief

executive John Cryan, who took over July 1 after co-CEOs Anshu Jain and Juer-gen Fitschen announced they were leaving. Fitschen will remain until May 2016, after which Cryan is to become sole CEO. In recent years, Deutsche Bank has struggled to get over legal issues dating back years and has seen disappointing profits. □

Of Mutual Interest

Europe's allure: Investors pour billions into the continent

STAN CHOE

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Europe has been a land of disappointment for years for investors. And they can't get enough of it.

Investors are so hot for the continent that made "debt crisis" and "austerity" everyday terms that they've plowed more than \$30 billion this year into mutual funds and exchange-traded funds that focus on European stocks, a relatively niche category that has \$81 billion in total assets. The move is part of a broader migration into foreign stock funds and away from many U.S. stock funds, which have been some of the best performers since the financial crisis.

Several motivations are behind the shift, including the desire to make portfolios less U.S.-reliant and more like the global stock market. The fits and starts for European stocks in recent years have also opened up another attraction, particularly when compared against a U.S. market that has gone nearly straight up for years until recently: Vive la valuation.

"I think it's a fairly logical shift: People are seeing more value outside the U.S. than inside the U.S.," says Rob Lovelace. He is a senior member of the management committee of Capital Group, whose American Funds family is home to some of the largest international stock funds.

The flows into Europe have been erratic. When worries have flared about Europe's debt troubles, Russia's involvement in the Ukraine or how European exporters will cope with a weak global economy, dollars have headed out of the region. Those risks remain, as does the possibility that a weaker euro could dilute returns for U.S. investors.

Here's a look at what's attracting investors to European stock funds, as well as considerations that need to be made before joining the crowd.

— Defeating the "home bias"
Invest in what you know. It's a phenomenon around

stock funds over the same time.

— Valuations are cheaper
The surge for U.S. stocks

traded at 14 times its expected earnings. While that's not screamingly cheap, it's less pricey than

lus mode, while the Federal Reserve has already halted its bond-buying program and is discussing when to raise interest rates. — Profits are playing catch-up

Profitability for European companies is well behind U.S. companies. If they can close that gap, European stocks have room to rise, says Dan Ison, portfolio manager at the Columbia European Equity fund.

Corporate profits usually set records during each economic cycle, and that's been the case in the United States during this expansion. But European corporate profits are still below where they were before the 2008 financial crisis. Now that Europe's economy is slowly improving, Ison expects earnings growth to accelerate.

That has him looking for companies that do lots of business within Europe to benefit from the growth. His fund owns construction and media companies, for example. One of its biggest holdings is Ryanair, a discount airline that serves leisure travelers around Europe.

— Currency and other risks
One danger of dropping the "home bias" is that investors may introduce a new form of risk to their portfolios. When the euro or Swiss franc fall in value, it can erode or even wipe out returns for investors counting their performance in dollars. □



Customers at a tavern clink glasses filled with tsipouro in Tirnavos, central Greece. Europe has been a land of disappointment for years for investors. And they can't get enough of it. Investors are so hot for the continent that made "debt crisis" and "austerity" everyday terms that they've plowed more than \$30 billion this year into mutual funds and exchange-traded funds that focus on European stocks. (AP Photo/Thanassis Stavrakis)

the world, and people tend to invest heavily in stocks from their home country.

That's why foreign stocks make up small portions of many U.S. investors' portfolios, even though they make up close to half the global market. That's changing.

Investors pulled a net \$7 billion from U.S. stock funds from the beginning of this year through August, according to Morningstar. They pumped nearly \$210 billion into international

since 2009 means they're more expensive relative to how much profit they're producing. The S&P 500 set its record high this summer and trades at about 16 times its expected earnings per share.

European stocks, meanwhile, have been on a bumpier ride. The MSCI Europe index is still about 30 percent below its peak from before the Great Recession, in dollar terms.

The relatively listless performance means the MSCI Europe index has recently

the United States.

— The economy is improving

After shrinking in 2012 and 2013, the euro area's economy returned to growth last year. This year, growth is set to accelerate to 1.5 percent, and the International Monetary Fund expects it to improve again next year to 1.6 percent.

That's lower than the expected U.S. growth rate of 2.8 percent in 2016, but Europe's economy is earlier in its recovery. The European Central Bank is still in stimu-

Delta Air Lines Inc. tops 3Q profit forecasts

DAVID KOENIG

AP Airlines Writer

Cheaper fuel helped Delta Air Lines Inc. shrug off a slight decline in revenue and post sharply higher third-quarter net income of \$1.32 billion.

The profit announced last week was slightly better than Wall Street expected. Delta's shares rose more than 2 percent in afternoon trading on Wednesday.

The third quarter includes much of the busy sum-

mer-vacation season when airlines are most profitable. Delta predicted that it would continue to rack up healthy margins into the winter on the combination of cheaper fuel and solid demand for travel.

"We expect that strong performance to continue in the December quarter," said CEO Richard Anderson.

On a conference call with analysts, Anderson compared Delta's financial

performance to industrial companies such as 3M — by notable omission, not against other airlines.

Airlines are among the biggest beneficiaries of the slump in oil prices that began in mid-2014. Delta burned more than 1 billion gallons in the third quarter and saved more than \$1 per gallon over last year's price.

Delta's fuel spending plunged 38 percent, a savings of more than \$1.1 billion.

Passengers got a small break from the cheaper fuel, as the average fare per mile dropped 5 percent.

Delta, however, banked two-thirds of the fuel savings as profit. It didn't have to cut fares more deeply because demand for travel remained solid — many planes were packed. The average flight in the quarter was 86.8 percent full, a level that would have been unimaginable a few years ago. □

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

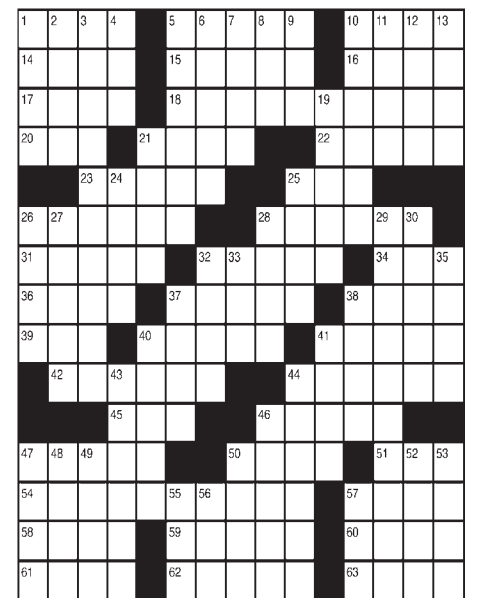
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- Enlighten
- Rush
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- Rubber glove material
- Opening in a forest
- Right this minute
- "__ what it is"
- Lead; direct
- Mix in a bowl
- Brooch
- Glass pieces for a window
- Brief; abrupt
- Mean woman in a fairy tale
- Lurch; swerve
- Hardwood tree
- Cuban dance
- Authentic; real
- Ferris wheel or merry-go-round
- Afternoon hour
- Not boastful
- __ up; bound
- Shaping tool
- Perceive; feel
- Well-__; very informed
- Secondhand
- Cherub
- Inquires

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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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Guinness declares the longest baguette at 400 feet in Italy



French and Italian bakers pose after baking the longest baguette in the world, at the Expo 2015 world's fair, in Rho, near Milan, Italy, Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015. A judge from Guinness World Records has certified a 122-meter -long (400-foot-long) baguette baked at the Milan Expo 2015 World's Fair as the longest in the world. The Italian maker of Nutella, Ferrero, backed the enterprise to beat the 111-meter record held by a French supermarket chain.

(AP Photo/Antonio Calanni)

MILAN (AP) — A judge from Guinness World Records has certified a 122-meter-long (400-foot-long) baguette baked at the Milan Expo 2015 World's Fair as the longest in the world.

Some 60 French and Italian bakers worked nearly seven hours Sunday to bake the French bread characterized by its soft middle and crusty exterior, methodically moving a specially designed portable oven along the length of the doughy preparation. The bakers worked at a rate of 20 meters (66 feet) an hour, their progress complicated by working outdoors and the biggest challenge to avoid any breakage.

"It's very difficult to do a big baguette because we are outside, you know, the temperature, it's cold and we are outside so for the dough it's not easy," said Dominique Anract, one of the bakers and owner of the La Pompadour bakery in Paris. Putting a plastic cover over the dough helped.

The Italian maker of Nutella, Ferrero, backed the enterprise to beat the 111-meter (364-foot) record held by a French supermarket chain. Once certified as a record-breaker, the baguette was

cut and smeared with Nutella to share with the hundreds of Expo goers who celebrated the record. It was at least the fourth

world record declared during the six-month Expo, which closes Oct. 31, including the longest pizza at 1.5954 kilometers, or nearly a mile long. □

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Public has chance to name new moth species

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Associated Press

TUCSON, Arizona (AP) — An auction on eBay allows the public to make a different kind of purchase. Up for sale: naming rights to a new insect.

A moth that weighs less than an ounce (28 grams) and measures about an inch (2.5 centimeters) was discovered eight years ago at White Sands National Monument in New Mexico by entomologist Eric H. Metzler.

The rigorous process to have a new species approved has taken several years, but now Metzler, a volunteer at the park, is ready to give his flying friend a name.

That honor is usually bestowed on the person who made the finding.



This undated photo provided by Eric H. Metzler shows a new species of moth, discovered by Metzler, that will be named by the lucky winner of an online auction whose proceeds will benefit the Western National Parks Association, which has funded some of Metzler's research.

Associated Press

But Metzler wanted to give back to the Western National Parks Association, which has funded some of

his research. So he asked the organization to start an online auction for the naming rights and to take the

proceeds.

"I am not a rich man and I don't have a lot of money to give to charity but this is the way I could give them money in the form of service. I could use my brains to help them," Metzler said. The auction went live Saturday on eBay and ends Oct. 23. Bidding starts at \$500.

"When are you ever going to have the opportunity to have your own moth named after you?" said Amy Reichgott, development manager for the Western National Parks Association. The winner will work with Metzler to Latinize the name. An international organization has to approve the name. Others have auctioned off naming rights with varied success. Last year, Nova Southeastern University, for example,

auctioned off the naming rights to a newly discovered type of sea lily.

The university's public affairs department touted it as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, suggesting it was the perfect holiday gift that would also help benefit the school's Oceanographic Center. The winner of the auction, a Florida resident, shelled out \$6,150. The sea lily hasn't been officially named yet as it's still undergoing a peer-review process, university spokesman Joe Donzelli said.

Reichgott knows a moth may be even less appealing than a sea lily, so the organization sent out emails reminding members and others that moths are butterflies without the bright colors that fly at night, not the daytime. □

Rat race: With complaints on rise, NYC redoubles efforts

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — To many in New York City, the rats are winning. The city's complaint hotline is on pace for a record year of rat calls, exceeding the more than 24,000 over each of the last two years. Blistering audits have faulted efforts to fight what one official called a "rat crisis." And even jaded New Yorkers were both disgusted and a little impressed by "Pizza Rat," the plucky rodent in a recent viral YouTube clip seen drag-

ging a large cheese slice down a subway stairwell. Nora Prentice, who lives on Manhattan's Upper West Side, has repeatedly complained to the city about a colony of about 200 rats in a neighborhood park.

"It's like the Burning Man of rats," she said. "They're just sitting there in a lawn chair waiting for you. . I don't know what the city can do about this rat condominium. It's really gross."

Prentice said that she avoids the area because of the rats and that com-

plaints she filed with the city were closed after officials told her they were "working on the problem."

"It means you can't lay down and relax in that park," she said. "What kind of an answer is this?"

Such gripes have found an advocate in Comptroller Scott Stringer, the city's top financial officer, who has taken on the self-appointed role of rat czar. In separate audits over the past two years, he has criticized the city's health department for not responding

quickly enough to rat complaints, and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which runs the subways, for not cleaning stations more regularly. Such breakdowns, he says, have allowed rats to thrive.

"I've seen rats walking upright, saying, 'Good morning, Mr. Comptroller,'" he said. "It's unsightly to see rats running through neighborhoods like they actually bought a co-op somewhere." New York officials who have been fighting the battle for decades say

rising complaint numbers don't mean there are more rats, and they argue the rat population has actually been holding steady the past few years.

A Columbia University doctoral student using statistical analysis last year estimated the number of rats in the city at 2 million, claiming to debunk a popular theory that there is one rat for each of the city's 8.4 million people. But scientists and city officials say it's impossible to accurately estimate the number. □

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Eddie Murphy receives top U.S. humor prize at Kennedy Center

STACY A. ANDERSON

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eddie Murphy is trading places with Mark Twain.

The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is honoring the comedian, film star, producer and director Sunday evening with the nation's top prize for humor.

A lineup of funny men and women including Dave Chappelle, George Lopez, Kathy Griffin, Arsenio Hall, Trevor Noah and Whitney Cummings will salute Murphy with the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. Other performers include



In this Feb. 22, 2015 file photo, Eddie Murphy presents the award for best original screenplay at the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

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those who influence society in the tradition of Samuel Clemens, the writer and satirist known as Mark Twain. Past honorees include Jay Leno, Carol Burnett, Tina Fey, Whoopi Goldberg, Ellen DeGeneres, Will Ferrell, Richard Pryor and Bill Cosby.

Murphy gained national attention when he joined the SNL cast in 1980 at the age of 19. He went on to become the most commercially successful African-American actor in film history and one of the industry's Top 5 box office performers overall, the Kennedy Center said. Murphy's films have been among Hollywood's highest-grossing comedies, including "Beverly Hills Cop," "48 Hours," "Trading Places," "Dr. Dolittle" and "Coming to America."

The tribute will be broadcast Nov. 23 on PBS. □



stars from "Saturday Night Live," where Murphy had an early break. Among the

SNL alumni paying tribute to Murphy are Tracy Morgan, Chris Rock, Jay Pharoah, Kevin Nealon and Joe Piscopo.

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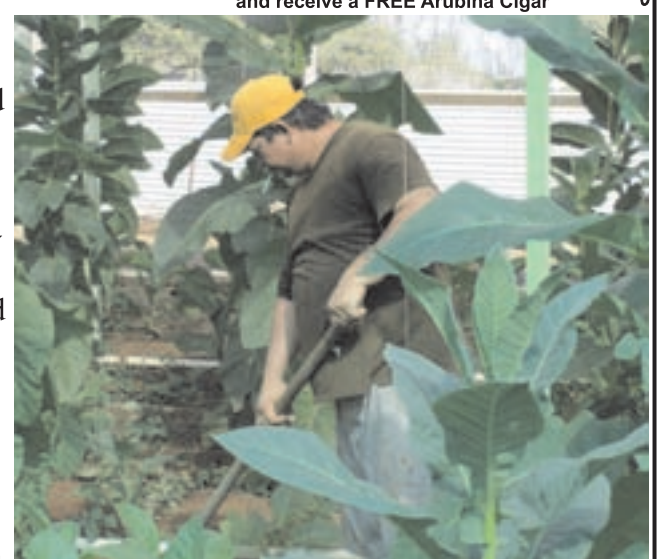


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Owner Benjamin Petrocchi

'Goosebumps' spooks 'Spies,' 'Crimson Peak' at box office

LINDSEY BAHR

AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Scare-seeking audiences preferred the family-friendly "Goosebumps" over the gothic horror of Guillermo del Toro's haunted house pic "Crimson Peak" two weekends out from Halloween.

Sony's "Goosebumps," based on the popular book series, earned \$23.5 million out of the gates to take the first-place spot, while del Toro's "Crimson Peak" languished at fourth with \$12.8 million.

"Goosebumps" also managed to beat "The Martian" by a hair, pushing Ridley Scott's space adventure to the second-place spot for the first time in its three-week run with \$21.5 million.

Starring Jack Black as author R.L. Stine, "Goosebumps" cost a reported \$58 million to produce. Audiences, 59 percent of whom were under the age of 25, gave the film a promising "A" CinemaScore, and reviews have been mostly favorable for the PG-rated pic.

"It's set up so well for not only this weekend, but for the rest of the fall," said Rory Bruer, Sony's president of worldwide distribution. "The word of mouth is just terrific. I think we were able to convey how much fun the film is for the en-



In this photo provided by Columbia Pictures, Jack Black who stars as R.L. Stine, Slappy, and Invisible Boy, appears in a scene in Columbia Pictures' "Goosebumps."

Associated Press

tire family, no matter what their age."

The Halloween-timing didn't necessarily help "Crimson Peak," though. The Legendary film, distributed by Universal, failed to attract a significant audience in its debut. Those who did turn out gave the film a lousy B- CinemaScore.

It's one of del Toro's lowest wide openings; 1997's "Mimic" earned only \$7.8 million in its first weekend in theaters.

One of the issues is that the movie, starring Mia Wasikowska, Jessica Chastain and Tom Hiddleston, is

rated R, and therefore has a more limited audience. Also, despite promises of a haunted house, the film, which cost a reported \$55 million to produce, is more of a gothic romance than a classic horror.

"It's not a slasher movie, it's not a PG-13 movie aimed at the date crowd. It's more of a sophisticated movie," said Paul Dergarabedian, Rentrak's senior media analyst.

"Del Toro has passionate fans for films that give this sort of approach to topics," said Nick Carpou, Universal's president of domestic distribution. In

an exit poll, 45 percent of respondents said that they went because it was a del Toro movie. But that fandom, it seems, is limited in box-office impact.

Also on the lower end, Steven Spielberg's well-received cold-war thriller "Bridge of Spies," meanwhile, debuted in third-place with \$15.4 million from 2,811 theaters.

Despite the PG-13 rating, audiences for the \$40 million film starring Tom Hanks were overwhelmingly adult. An estimated 88 percent were over the age of 25, according to a Rentrak survey.

"This is a movie that will have a very long life in theaters. Older audiences won't rush out and may even wait until mid-week to see the film in theaters," Dergarabedian said.

"It's a very solid start and is setting it up for a really great run overall," said Dave Hollis, Disney's executive vice president of distribution.

"Bridge of Spies," like other adult-themed films, will be playing the long game across the fall and the beginning of awards season.

"We have to look at the fall movie season as a marathon, not a sprint like summer," Dergarabedian said. "Beasts of No Nation," meanwhile, failed to ignite a day and date revolution. The film, produced by Netflix, debuted simultaneously on the streaming platform and in theaters Friday. Its earned only \$50,699 from 31 theaters for a lackluster \$1,635 per theater average. □

'Star Wars' trailer to play during 'Monday Night Football'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — More than just football fans will likely be tuning in to watch halftime on "Monday Night Football" this week.

A new trailer for "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" will debut during halftime of the New York Giants and Philadelphia Eagles game, Lucasfilm announced Sunday. Tickets will also go on sale for the film, opening Dec. 18, after the trailer plays.

The game will be broadcast on ESPN, which, like Lucasfilm is a subsidiary of The Walt Disney Company. "The Force Awakens," the seventh film in the franchise, is one of the most anticipated of the year. Even its trailer launches have become events in and of themselves. The second teaser trailer, which debuted in April, has over 64 million views on YouTube to date. □

Netflix's 'Beasts of No Nation' fizzles in theaters

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LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Netflix hasn't broken the theatrical mold with its first feature film, "Beasts of No Nation." The online streaming service debuted the film, about a child soldier in Africa from director Cary Fukunaga, on its platform and in 31 theaters on Friday.

Numbers have not and

likely won't be released for just how many Netflix subscribers streamed the film this weekend, but the theatrical numbers are not impressive. "Beasts of No Nation" brought in \$50,699 from the 31 locations for a \$1,635 per-theater average.

Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box office tracker Rentrak, says the film was "more



In this Monday, Sept. 14, 2015 photo, director, Cary Fukunaga, poses for a portrait in promotion of his upcoming film "Beasts of No Nation" at the 2015 Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto.

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of a test case scenario" and "was going to have a rough go in theaters anyway."

Bleecker Street handled the theatrical release. The film cost \$6 million to produce. □

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